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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, SCUL, CA
SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL IVP PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER VISIT OF THE CURRENT NOMINEES, WE ARE CONSIDERING PLACING OUR PROVINCIAL IVP PROGRAM ON A REGIONAL BASIS. WE HAVE IN MIND SELECTING SMALL, SEPARATE GROUPS FROM THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES, QUEBEC, ONTARIO, THE PRAIRIES (MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN, AND ALBERTA), AND BRITISH COLUMBIA AND SEEKING TO GEAR PART OF THE PROGRAM OF EACH GROUP TO ANY REGIONAL INTERESTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL GROUPS SHOULD SPEND PART OF THEIR TIME IN WASHINGTON MEETING INDIVIDUALS IN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, ETC., TO GAIN AN OVERVIEW OF THE U.S. SCENE AND THAT THE REMAINING PORTION OF THEIR STAY COULD BE BUILT AROUND ANY SPECIAL REGIONAL INTERESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A GROUP FOR THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES MIGHT PREFER, AFTER A VISIT TO WASHINGTON, TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN THE BOSTON AREA CONSULTING ON CROSS-BOUNDARY ISSUES WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS CONFERENCE AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND OFFICIALS.

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3. WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING THAT ALL GROUPS WOULD WISH TO FOLLOW THIS PARTICULAR PATTERN, BUT BY ORGANIZING OUR OVERALL PROGRAM ON THIS BASIS, WE WOULD HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING VISITS TO MEET REGIONAL INTERESTS.

4. SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD ALSO ENABLE US TO OVERCOME ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENT IN QUEBEC, PARTICULARLY

SINCE LAST NOVEMBER 15, I.E. THE RELUCTANCE OF PARTI
QUEBECOIS (PQ) MEMBERS AND EVEN SOME OPPOSITION OFFICIALS
IN QUEBEC TO VISIT THE U.S. UNDER THE IVP PROGRAM AS PART
OF A GROUP WHICH INCLUDED PEOPLE FROM OTHER PROVINCES.
GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN QUEBEC TO
THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN UNITY, WE CONSIDER IT HIGHLY
DESIRABLE THAT WE HAVE AN ACTIVE IVP PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
KEY PEOPLE FROM THAT PROVINCE.

5. FOR CONSULATES GENERAL: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMENTS ON THE GENERAL CONCEPT OUTLINED IN THIS MESSAGE
AND ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW IT CAN BE REFINED OR IMPROVED.

6. FOR CU/WE: DO YOU FORESEE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR OTHER
PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING VISITS ALONG REGIONAL LINES?
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